### GREAT SUCCESS

The Magnificent Concert of the Oratorio Society-

ORATORIO OF "THE HOLY CITY"

Greefed by a Large and Cublivated Audience-Mr. Paris R. Meyers and the Socioly Congratulated on the Success of the Event-The Soloists, Misses Clary and Hilke and Mesers. McKimley and Hughes Win Laurels - A Deligated Audlence.

When at 8:15 tast evening the curtain was rolled, the Opera House stage pre-serted a brilliant scene, to a brilliant suidence. After the evidence of delight from those assembled in the auditorium ided, the Opera House orchestra

from those acsembled in the auditorium subsided, the Opera House orchestra artistically opened a concert which had been eagerly anticipated.

Miss Mary Louise Clary, America's reseast contraito, was the first of the eyening's soloists to appear, and her beautiful voice, at once appealed to all. Her selection, "Noble Signore," from "Les Huguenots," was splendidly sung, and to enthusiastic applause, she responded with the now famous "Ben Hott," and she sung it well. While Miss Clary did good work in the latter part of the programme—"The Holy City," she was at her very best in the first number, "Noble Signore."

Mr. J. H. McKinley, the tenor of the quarteite, fairly fascinated the audience with his exquisite rendering of "Swallows," and as encores "Dreams" and "Tatters," the three recalls scarcely satisfying. Not in many a day has a stranger received such on ovation, and only because of much work, yet latter to be done by him did the audience desist in their wild appreciation.

Miss Katherine Hilke sang "Villanelle," a song requiring much execution. The encore demanded, was very pleasing. Her voice is/a clear soprano and her enunciation remarkably distinct, but Miss Hilke appeared better later on in the evening.

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The last number of this part of the concert, was a quartette from Rigoletto, sung by Miss Hilke, Miss Clary, Mr. McKiniey and Mr. Henry W. Hughes. It was well given and enthusiastically received, because of Mr. Hughes, who so nobly came to the resone of musical Wheeling and its reputation abread. No apology, however, for lack of time, for study is necessary, as his part throughiout "The Holy City" was excellent. Wheeling has just cause to be proud of Mim. His voice is magnificent and his innate modesty on all occasions is simply charming.

After the intermission Dr. Paris R. Meyers, to whom the highest praise of all music-lovers is due, took his place, and at the lifting of the baton, the orchestra, with Miss Schrader at the plano, and Mr. Sommers at the vocalion, began the beautiful prelude to the cantate, and the work of the evening was on. The solo parts, as before stated, were in the keeping of Miss Hilke, will be the Miss Clary. Mr. McKinley and Mr. Hughes, and all were well taken. Miss Hilke's solo. "Out of Great Tribulation." was very feelingly sung, perhaps her very best work. Mr. McKinley entered into the very soul of the music, drawing all his hearers with him and his solo "To the Lord Belongs Mercy and Forgivaness," was a perfect grow Miss Clary's rich voice showed to good advantage, and Mr. Hughes delighted his many friends After the intermission; Dr. Paris R. good advantage, and Mr. les delighted his many friends his creditable rendition of the

bass solos.

These soloists were admirably assisted in various parts by Mrs. Peebles Statum, whose pure, sympathetic voice blendel exquisitely in the trio sung with Miss Hilke and Miss Clary, and later on Mrs. Frank Le Moyne Hupp's clear and true soprano, together with Mrs. Tatum, proved that Wheeling can lay claim to vocal executants of real merit.

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The chorus work, (the foundation of the concert), was a revelation—intelligent throughout, and at times artistle—and while the ladies and gentlemen composing the Wheeling Oratorio Society deserve their share of praise for the success of last night, to Paris R. Biesers, the director and projector, all honor is due.

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"THE MIKADO."

Gilbert & Sullivan's Popular Opera to be Sung at Mount de Chantal.

Sang at Meunt de Chantal.
One of the most interesting musical events of the season will be the production of Gibert and Sullivan's "Misado," by the young ladies of Mount de Chantal, at the Academy to-night and it is assured that the large auditorium will be packed with the relatives and friends of the pupils, who will leave the city on a special train on the Baltimore & Ohio promptly at 550 o'clock.

6:80 o'clock.

The various characters will be taken by the young ladies and as the costumes of the opera are of the picturescue Japanese pattern, and the music of such tuneful nature, they can be relied upon to do their respective characters ample justice.

The dramatic personnel of the performance has been arranged as follows:

lows:
The Mikado of Japan.
Miss Mannette Joyce
Nanki Poo, his son. Miss Carrie Gutman
Ko Ko, Lord High Executioner.
Poo Bah, Lord High Executioner
Poo Bah, Lord High Everything Else.
Piah Tush, Noble Lord.
Miss Elara Godehilds
Tum Yum. Miss Elara Godehilds
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Tum Yum. Miss Chara Umderger
Chree Little Maids from School.
Katisha, an Elderly Lady
Chara Forbes
Courf Attendants, Chorus, etc., by other
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A large number of invitations have been sent out to the friends of the pupils and the school. The train taking the visitors to and from the entertain-ment has been chartered and will leave the mount immediately after the

#### AMUSEMENTS.

In speaking of "Hands Across the which comes to the Opera Hou to-night, to-morrow matinee and night the Haverhill Gazette, of a recent date.

"Haverhal theatre-goers did well last "Haverhill theatre-goers did well last night in giving to "Hands Across the Sea," one of the greatest melodramas ever placed on the stage, the reception it deserved. Every seat in the house was sold, standing room was well occupied, sand a large gallery was present. Every one will remember the thrilling play asit was presented has year, with its won-derful scenic and mechanical effects, the plot with the bright comedy lines. The play presented last night was just as powerful as ever, and was well appreciated by the audience. The company is the same as presented the attraction last year.

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The play is one that makes a great impression on the audisine, as was shown in many instances last night. At the close of the fourth act the curtain was rung up and the leading characters passed agross the score. They were loudy appeared until Robert Stillwood, the villain of the play, appeared; the audience forgot the actor, and, thisking only of the character, hissed vigorously. It was the bost compliment Mr. Plerson, which plays the part, could have desired. The scenic effects were very fine, and the play in every way is one of the strongest presented here."

the week at the Grand Opera House, commencing on Monday evening, February St., It is customary to have some one great seems or mechanical courtivages and exhibit it at the proper time in the action of the play, and with it is shown just how everything is coming out, and an audience need really gray only until they have seen the great feature. Mr. Carter has not only given his great tornado seens at the close of the first act, but he follows it up in the second, with three more apecial features, and in the third act a couple more, and with all this you cannot lose sight of his story, nor can you see how it will end to every one's satisfaction. You must wait and see all the realistic vesture of the play, and get the ending in the lovely autumn garb with which Maple Grove is dressed in the last act.

"Town Topics."

A better pleased audience than that which saw the opening performance of "Town Topics." at the Grand Opera House last night, would be hard to find, and a better show, and one which abounds in real comedy and laughable situations, could not be found, no matter low far one would go to look for it. It is simply immense, and the packed notices it will draw during the remainder of the week, will be an evidence that it has given the greatest satisfaction. It would require the aid of the Reasign rays to find the least semblance of a pluin the play, but one is not necessary, for the fun comes so fast and furious that the audience never thinks of such a thing. Specialies of the finest kind are introduced in every act, and they include not a single chesmut in the way of songs, jokes or "hushess." Beautiful costumes are worn and many elegant musical numbers rendered. Luella Miller, Bestrice Norman, Nelle Sennett, Lilllan-Heckler and Elsle Nugent are five of as clever actresses as have been seen in farce comedy here in a long time. John Queen, William Keller, Joseph Harrington, James Tenebrooke, Frank Caverly, John World and W. H. Macc are the male membera, and they have the ability to make a far less attractive show successful. "Town Topics" will be repeated to-night.

Fred Hoey, manager of the Elliot.

Fred Hoey, manager of the Elliott Fred Hoey, manager of the Elliott comedy company, met the members of the American Vaudeville Company at the Brunswick last night and engaged three of the male members and one of the lady members for his company, which will re-open its season next Wednesday night, at Bradford, Pa.

#### PYTHIAN HAPENINGS.

Uniform Rauk's Inspection on the 17th. Bernard Shanley Company Elects.

One week from next Wednesday night promises to be a brilliant one in Pythian circles, especially to the members of the uniform rank. On that evening the installation of officers of Couer de Leon Company No. 1, will take place, and the annual inspection will occur on the same annual inspection will occur on the same night. The event will, of course, take place in the elegant room in Pythian Castle and will be attended by an unusually large crowd both from this city and surrounding towns. The installation will be especially attractive inasmuch as it will be the first time the new ritual has been used here in this connection. The ritual was changed at the Cleveland meeting and both the form of initiation and installation was changed.

Bernard Shanley Company No. 21, Uniform Rank. K. of P., held the annual election last night, which resulted as follows: Captain, Frank B. Lisby: first lieutemant, W. F. Beck; second lieutenant, W. H. Rose: secretary, Ernest Kumm; treasurer, Louis Hartong, The company is in a flourishing condition and a number of applications for the Sir Knight degree where presented and will be considered at the next meeting. The The installation of officers and the annual Inspection will take place at the regular meeting in March.

Pire Bugs Around.

Last night before midnight, fire was discovered in the stable in the rear of the residence of Mr. H. C. Caldwell on South Chapline street. A still alarm was sent into the Niagara and that portion of the department responded promptly. Investigation showed that a can of oil had been thrown into the stable and set fire to. Fortunately the blaze was discovered in time to prevent what might have proven a serious conflagration.

#### LIBEL SUIT

Against Pittsburgh Papers-Mark Hanma's Deposition in the Case,

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 4.—When the libel cases of State Senators Magee and Flinn against the Commercial Gazette and Press of this city, were called in criminal court this afternoon D. F. Patterson, ettorney for the defense, asked for a continuance on account of iliness. The deposition of National Chairman Mark Hanna, who was present as a witness was taken and the continuance granted.

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In his deposition Mark Hanna denied that he ever had at any time an agreement with the plaintiffs and any one for tham by which they agreed to give their support to the nomination of William McKinley for the presidency of the United States; that he never had any conversation with them as to a pecuniary reward for their support of Mr. McKinley and never in the most remote way held out any money inducements to them

ley and never in the most remote way held out any money inducements to them in return for their support.

To the question whether the defendants had asked for the control of patronage in return for their support of Mr. McKinley, either before or after the election, Mr. Hanna replied; "They never did."

On the day of the alleged libelous articles were published Mr. Hanna said he was at home and had been there constantly for some time.

State Supreme Court,
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer,
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 4.-

supreme court disposed of the following

Davis, et al vs. Davis, et al., from Wirt county, submitted. Hoopers vs. Devaughn, from Wood county, submitted.

Archer vs. Baltimore Building and Loan Association, from Wood county, writ of certiorari awarded and case con-

Miller vs. Hare, from Wood county, submitted.
Parkersburg, Ind. Co. P. E., vs. Shultz
et al, from Wood county, submitted.
Conaway's administrator vs. Stealey
et al, from Pleasarst county, submitted.
Craig vs. Craig, from Nicholas county,
dismissed, agreed.
Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Senator Wolcott's Mission.

PARIS. Feb. 4.—Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who is now visiting Europe in the interests of bi-metallism, Itad an interview yesterday with Premier Meline. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns on authority that the interviews which he has had so far have been without the result hoped for by the senator. The interview with President Faure on Sunday was short and formal and afforded no encouragement to look for a taigible result.

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The usual order of agenic melodrama has been cast aside by Lincoln J. Carter in his new play, "The Tornado," which will be the attraction for the first part of the attraction for the first part of the control of the con

#### ON TO CHARLESTON

Ohio County Will be Well Represented on March 4

AT GOV. ATKINSON'S INAUGURAL

A Meeting of the Ohio County Republican Club will be Called Next Week, at Which Arrangements will be Made for the Trip. A One-Pars Rate and a Special Train Can be Secured-Prospects for a Good

When Governor-elect Atkinson begins his inaugural address at Charleston, at noon on Thursday, March 4, he will be listened to by the largest crowd Wheelingites that has ever invaded the sacred precincts of the state's capital. For the past few weeks not much has been said regarding the trip, and from the surface it looked as though the project hall fallen through, Not so, how ever, for those interested in the trip were working up the affair quietly, and now they come to the front with the assurance of enough citizens who will go, to make u respectable showing and secure a one

they come to the front with the assurance of enoush citizens who will go, to make a respectable showing and secure a one fare for the round trip.

President Bentley Jones, of the Ohio County Republican Club, has been diligerily working up interest in the matter, and to him will be due a great deal of the credit. He has decided to call a meeting of the club some time during the coming week, for the purpose of appointing committees, and arranging the preliminaries for the trip.

It is the proposition that each of the Ohio county Republicans wear the ordinary dark clothes, silk hat and cane, and in this uniform, the 200 men who are expected to go, will make a handsome and dignified appearance. A brass band will be engaged and nothing will be lacking to make the trip a pleasant one in every particular. The crowd will leave here sometime during the afternoon of the 3d, and will have a special train right through. If the proper arrangements can be made sleeping cars will take the Wheeling delegation down, and they will sleep in the cars the night they stay in the capital. By this arrangement, it will do away with the bother of hustling around after lodging in the crowded city. Charleston is making great preparations for the event, and as It will mark the Induction into office of the first Republican governor in many years, the Republican governor in many years, the Republican governor in the cover of the state outside of Kanawha. The fare will be low and all those who can, should arrange matters to go to Charleston on the 4th of March.

Stole a Horse and Suggy.

A man named Nixon, who lives out the pike, hitched his rig to a post in Fulton last night, and when he came to look for last night, and when he came to look for it, his mare and buggy were no where to be seen. The toll-keeper on the hill reported having seen the animal driven by an unknown man and coming toward this city. The police were notified, but up to a late hour had seen notning of the thief. The rig is described as follows: Grey mare, with light mane, and weighing 1,100 pounds; top buggy, in good condition.

Entertaining Readings

This evening at the elegant show rooms of Milligan. Wilkin & Company, Miss Katharine Oliver will give a ser-ies of entertaining readings from fa-vorite Scotch authors.

THE RIVER.

The tee in the river remains intact, and no break has occurred excepting and no break has occurred excepting the one mentioned in yesterday's Intelligencer, when the ice moved for about a hundred yards, and then stopped. The break occurred above the bridges. Similar movements of the ice took place at different points along the river. If the present mild weather continues, a break mag be looked for soon. It is not thought that the sudden loosening of the ice will do any harm here, as those likely to suffer have taken all the necessary precautions.

Hiver Telegrams

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Weather clear and moderate.
MORGANTOWN.—River closed and
rising slowly. Fair; mercury 35.
OIL CITY.—River 1 foot 10 inches and
stationary. Clear and cool.
GREENSBORO.—River frozen. Cool-

r and cloudy.
PITTSBURGH.—River 4 feet sevenenths and stationary at the dam Cloudy and cool.
STEUHENVILLE.—River 7 feet 10
inches and rising. Clear and cold. The
river is still closed above and below this

PARKERSBURG.-The Ohio river is 9 feet 6 inches and falling Cloudy; mercury 35. Great Kanawha gorges went out during the night and this morn-ing brought down thousands of logs, ties, etc., but doing little damage. The Ohio river is still frozen above this place. The Little Kanawha is about clear of ice and navigation will be resumed to-mor-

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A NOTORIOUS DESPERADO

Breaks Jail, and After Driving Off One is Finally Captured

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 4.— The steamer Alki from Alaska, brings of a bloody chapter in the career news of a bloody chapter in the career of "Slim" Birch, the notorlous young desperado, of Juneau, who, while awaiting transportation to serve a three-year sentence in San Quentin prison, California, was released by accomplices who visited the jail, overpowered the jailo, locked him in a cell and accompanied the sacaping prisoner. No tidings of Birch were received until the closing days of Jandary, when Indians brought news to Juneau that Birch and his companions were sleeping in a cabin, thirty miles from Juneau, on an island, Deputy Marshal Hale at once chartered a steamer and making up a posse, comprising Deputy Marshal William Watts, Jailor Lindquist, Guard Baysee and an Indian policeman, started in pursuit. The cabin was located the following day, after a torturous trip over rough, snowy country, amid terrific cold. Bad generalship in the charge on the cabin permitted two of the inmates to escape to a rocky eminence between which and the cabin the posse was situated. A terrible battle then began, Watts being-shot twice. Hale once seriously and Baysee wounded in both legs. Ten minutes succeeded in starting all the posse excepting poor Watts on the back trail from the scene of the fight, to where the boat was anchored.

Watts being left at the mercy of the "Slim" Birch, the notorious young

woulded men and a passion woulded men started out, returning the next day.

Watts was found dead, frozen stiff in the snow, where his cowardly companions had left him. The search was continued for two days without success, but the desperadoes were finally located by Indians, lying asleep in a dense underbrush. Word was carried to two herculean fellows named Cheney and Olsen, in a cannery, who made the capture in a picturesque style. Unarmed, they climbed a ledge twelve feet above the sleeping and heavily armed pair of bandits, and at a signal jumped down on them. Both men were manacled, after a short resistance. Birch's loneompanion was also an old offender named Snell, who robbed the Tredwell works some years ago.

Both are in jall at Sitka. Cheney and Olsen will get the \$5,000 offered for Birch's capture.

REFORMS FOR CUBA

Have Been Signed by the Queen Regent.
Tenor of the Provisions.
(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.)
MADRID, Feb. 4.—The queen regent signed the plan for the reforms in the island of Cuba. The text of the document will be published on Saturday,

The scheme includes numerous and

elaborate decrees and will occupy several pages of the Official Gazette. It is understood that the reforms consist chiefly in the creation of an assembly, to be called the council of administration, composed of thirty-five members, of whom twenty-one are to be elected by the people and six by the different corporations. The remainder will be one magistrate, one university president, one archibiahop and five former senators or deputies.

The council of administration is empowered, firstly, to prepare a budget. Secondly, to examine into the fitness of officials appointed.

Thirdly, to make a tariff, subject to the conditions of Spanish imports having advantage over the general tariff. The governor general will represent the home government and will have the right to nominate officials, who should be Cubans or Spaniards who have resided two years in Cuba. Nevertheless, he may freely nominate high functionaries such as magistrates, prefects, etc.
Other decrees concern the organization of the provisional municipalities, which are to be liberally representative.

The municipal councils general will be shipowered to elect their presidents and will have exclusive control of public education.

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According to another decree the government reserves to itself extraordinary powers in the event of any disturbance of public order, and Cuba will continue to elect senators and deputies to the cortes, as at present.

Altogether the reforms are much broader in the direction of decentralization than those granted to Porto Rico. The powers of the governor general are much extended, while the council of administration is fairly representative of all parties and interests.

The Spanish government will continue

The Spanish government will continue vote budgets and treatles for the colo-

nies.

The Spanish products, according to the reform scheme will be allowed a rebate of 40 per cent of the Cuban tariffs, compared with other imports.

Will Not Curtail Production.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 4,-It is au-horitatively announced that the cotton mills of the Blackstone valley, which include the immense manufacturing es tates of the Chances and Goddards, will production for the present at least. Ex-7. S. Senator Jonathan Chance, who the chairman of the committee which ordered the curtailment of production in all the mills in the country last spring, says the manufacturers of the Blackstone valley would not at present consider any agreement for reducing the output of the mills, "Business is had enough," said Senator Chance, "but it is slowly recovering."

California Crops. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—With almost continuous rains for several weeks the crop prospects of California are considered excellent. This season's average of wheat has been largely increased over that of recent years and conditions point to a bountiful cereal crop. Fruit also promises well, but it is too early to predict the yield.

Shippards Burned.

Shippards turned.

GLASGOW, Feb. 4.—The shippards of
the Fairfield ship building company at
Govan, near here, have been almost
completely destroyed by fire. The damage done is estimated to amount to 50,000
pounds (\$250,000). Four thousand spersons have been thrown out of work. Indeed!

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Lady William Beresford, formerly Duchess of Mart-borough, and previously Mrs. Louis Hammersley, of New York, has been de-livered of a son. Mother and child are doing well. Death of Amalgamated Official.

Death of Amargament of the Amargamented Association of Iron and Steel Workers, died this morning, of consumption. IF the hair is falling out and turn-ing gray, the glands of the skin need stimulating and color-food, and the best remedy and stimulant is Hall's Hair Renewer.

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